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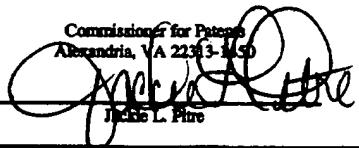
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Title: IN SITU PRODUCTION OF  
SYNTHESIS GAS FROM A  
COAL FORMATION, THE  
SYNTHESIS GAS HAVING  
A SELECTED H<sub>2</sub> TO CO  
RATIO

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Sir/Madam:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 5232 and 5297 as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is provided in an accompanying document.

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5232. (amended) The method of claim 5214, wherein blending a portion of the first synthesis gas with a portion of the second synthesis gas comprises producing an intermediate mixture having a H<sub>2</sub> to CO ratio of less than the selected ratio, and subjecting the intermediate mixture to